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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This amendment and response is to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 25, 2003. This amendment and response is timely filed within the three month period for response. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as set forth below:

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